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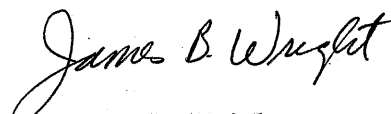
RE: Docket No. 00-00523; *Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service*

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed please find an original and thirteen copies of the Sprint Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. Also enclosed is a check for twenty five dollars for the filing fee.

A copy of this Petition is being served on counsel of record. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

  
James B. Wright

Enclosure

cc: Ron Jones, Pre-Hearing Officer (with enclosure)  
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BEFORE THE  
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:        *Universal Service for Rural Areas – The Generic Docket*  
  
              *Docket No.00-00523*

PETITION OF SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P. D/B/A SPRINT PCS  
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS ("Sprint"), pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310 and T.C.A. § 65-2-107, petitions the Authority for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding, and in support thereof states as follows:

1.     Sprint is a Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") provider duly authorized to provide CMRS within the State of Tennessee.
2.     In connection with its provision of CMRS in the State of Tennessee, Sprint's customers may place phone calls to and receive phone calls from end-user customers of members of the Coalition of Rural Independent Companies ("Coalition"). Such traffic exchanged between Sprint and the Coalition will in many cases transit BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth") network.
3.     The May 5, 2003 Order Granting Conditional Stay, Continuing Abeyance, and Granting Interventions issued by Pre-Hearing Officer in this case established that the conditions and rates of such traffic were the subject of negotiations to be held in this docket.

4. Sprint respectfully requests that it be granted leave to intervene and participate as a party in the above-captioned proceeding in that as a wireless provider, the decisions regarding the subject matter of this proceeding may directly affect Sprint's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests.

5. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the intervention.

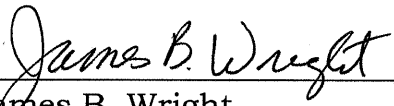
6. This Petition is filed more than five days before any scheduled hearing in this case.

WHEREFORE, Sprint prays:

1. That it be permitted to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party.
2. That it have such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

This 19<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
(Docket No. 00-00523: Rural USF)

The undersigned certifies that on May 19, 2003, the foregoing Petition to Intervene of Sprint Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS was served upon the following parties of record by placing a copy of the same in the United States Mail postage prepaid addressed as follows:

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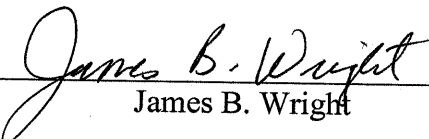
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